Laira Green 16 Apr.

My dear Son,

Little as I have to say, I will not lose an opportunity of saying something through Mr. Chapman, who is going to London. Thanks for your letter of remembrance, which was received on 14th. Both the last times I forgot to pay the postage.

You explain yourself honestly about Fanny, but I do not like these flirtations to continue. It is true you gave me your promise not to marry her.

This day week Capt. Hewett &c will be off from their cottage to lodge with us for a week or ten days. I am very sorry to lose them.

So, you think there are no hopes of obtaining a situation. Still you must have patience. You have been so often disappointed, that now, perhaps, your no hopes may be disappointed. Always keeping a sharp eye, something may be offered. Even here I have some distant prospect in view for you; but it is hardly worth while to describe it yet; as the attempt must depend on many circumstances. Yet, by accident, I have been partly the means of obtaining a promise for May's son of £150 a year! May seeks to provide for no other son, and has offered to use his influence in the same quarter, joined to my endeavours, on proper occasion, in your behalf, out of gratitude to me. Do not breathe a hint of this to any body. I tell it to you, as a proof that you need not despair.

ere in the wrong; — a man with a family, unless
business, is dreadfully pinched and worn in
old; if he has a business, the consciousness of
ving many to provide for excites his industry, and
thereby he becomes more prosperous than many single
men with the same advantage. But what is the
use of a man's industry, when he knows not where
to apply it properly?

Keep sober and good company; and keep more
than free from debt, so as to make up a little bank
for yourself in case of need on any occasion.

Your affectionate father,

Chas. Brown.